

## ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK TOWER

Springfield's New City Hall Damaged by Bomb Explosion.

Springfield, Mass., April 4.—Several thousand dollars' worth of damage was done early to-day to Springfield's new million-dollar municipal building, now in process of construction, by an explosion which wrecked the base of the 300-foot clock tower and shook the city for a radius of several blocks.

Two explosions, one following directly after the other, were heard by the officers on duty in the police station adjoining the tower. All the windows in the police offices were smashed by the concussion.

The nature of the explosion indicates, in the minds of the police, that dynamite was used, and that it was a deliberate attempt to wreck the tower. No one was injured, and the watchman, the only man on the premises at the time, being in a distant part of the building.

No Recent Labor Trouble.

There have been no recent labor troubles, the only trouble of that kind having been nearly a year ago, when the building was started, and that of only minor consequence. Some time ago an Italian workman fell from the tower and was killed, after which several fellow countrymen threw up their places, but there was no trouble at that time.

The new municipal group of buildings is being erected on Court Street, facing Court Square. There will be three distinct structures when completed, an auditorium, a city hall building and a clock tower between the two. The tower is to be 300 feet in height, of steel and stone construction. The steel work has already been raised to the height of 150 feet, while the masonry is up 140 feet.

It is not thought that the foundation of the tower has been seriously damaged or its strength impaired.

Daylight inspection of the municipal building showed that the force of the explosion tore a small hole in the exterior wall of the tower, which can be readily repaired without the removal of the upper stories already completed. The tower otherwise shows no sign of the force of the explosion.

Reward Offered.

Five hundred dollars reward is offered by the city for information resulting in the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the attempt to blow up the tower of the new municipal group of buildings. The reward was authorized at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon.

Both the local and State police are putting forth every possible effort to find the dynamite, but to-night, after twelve hours' investigation, had made no progress.

Lincoln Letter Saves Job.

Aged Woman Whom He Aided Will Remain on Home of Treason.

Washington, April 4.—President Lincoln on April 13, 1864, did a kindly thing that had a echo to-day in helping an aged woman. He wrote a personal letter to the Postmaster-General asking that official to employ Miss Dugger, widow of Corbinville, Ill., who was the sole support of her brother, a Union soldier crippled at Shiloh. Miss Dugger got a place, and for forty-six years has faithfully served the government.

Secretary MacVeagh, after reading the same letter to-day, though the paper has yellowed with age and the ink is dim, ordered that Miss Dugger's name be not dropped from the Treasury's list of employees, though she has been ill more than a year. When an employee has been absent without pay that length of time it is customary to strike the name from the rolls.

Senator Cullom brought the letter to Secretary MacVeagh, who promised that Miss Dugger should not be dropped. She is now seventy years old. She was transferred from the Post-Office to the Treasury soon after President Lincoln's letter got her employment, and became an expert in detecting counterfeit money. She has handled billions of dollars, much of it had.

Found Dead in Bed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Harriensburg, Va., April 4.—Miss Louise Rohr, sixty-five years old, was found dead in bed yesterday in the home of Town Treasurer H. A. Sprinkel. She leaves two brothers, T. M. Rohr, of Bryan Hall, Rappahannock county, and Stansbury Rohr, of Harriensburg, and one sister, Mrs. H. A. Sprinkel. She was a Presbyterian.

Attempt to Rob Bank.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Amelia, Va., April 4.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Farmers and Merchants Bank here last night. Some party broke into the building and entered the vault, but was driven out by the alarm.

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In an interview on the subject a prominent local druggist says: "Take, for example, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows immediate results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale."

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Lightened off. This is the second attempt of the kind. There is no clue.

FIRE DRILL SAVES LIVES

Fifty Children, Many of Them Babies, Rescued From Flames.

Newark, N. J., April 4.—The discovery of fire in the Eighth Avenue baby shelter here last night demonstrated the value of fire drills in institutions of this character, when it was followed by the orderly rescue of more than fifty children, fourteen of whom were infants in cradles and clothing.

Eight-year-old Johnnie Savage, one of the inmates, discovered the fire and quickly notified Mrs. Harriet Trenchard, the matron.

The fire alarm was sounded and the nurses got the older children in line and marched them to a pavilion in the yard. Other attendants, in accordance with the fire drill regulations, began the rescue of the babies, who were in cradles and clothing.

The cause of the blaze is unknown. The loss will not be large.

FOUR BISHOPS TAKE PART

Funeral Services of Rev. J. Houston Eccleston, D. D., Conducted.

Baltimore, Md., April 4.—Four bishops of this and adjoining States and many ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland took part in the funeral services this afternoon of Rev. J. Houston Eccleston, D. D., formerly rector of Emmanuel Church.

Charge John Gardner Murray was in charge and assisting him, in addition to the local clergy, were Bishop A. M. Randolph, of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, Bishop of the Diocese of New York, president of the Episcopal conference, and Bishop Kinsman, of Delaware.

JAPAN PARTLY YIELDS

About 80 Per Cent. of Tariffs Reduced in Favor of Great Britain.

London, April 4.—It is understood that under the new Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty 80 per cent. of the tariffs have been reduced in favor of Great Britain, but that they are still considerably higher than under the old treaty. The reductions affect cotton, woolens, iron and steel, leather and paper goods and spinning machinery and plant.

The British and Japanese governments have been negotiating a special commercial treaty, as a result of the strong opposition shown by British merchants to the new Japanese tariff, which heavily increased the duty on British manufactures. Recent dispatches indicate that Japan had finally decided to yield on most of the important points.

MAY GO TO ROANOKE

Reported That Anti-Saloon Secretary Has Been Assigned to Church.

Roanoke, Va., April 4.—It is reported here that Rev. J. D. McAllister, of the Virginia M. E. Conference and secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, has been transferred to the Baltimore Conference and appointed to the pastorate of West End Church in this city. The list of appointments given out last night left this appointment open, but it is said that Mr. McAllister will fill it.

Elected President of Duma.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma to-night, in place of M. Guechko, who recently resigned. The election had an important bearing on the political situation, as indicating what attitude the Duma could adopt on mature consideration towards Premier Stolypin.

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